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DISEASE IN COCONUT TREES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unidentified type of virus is breeding on the Coconut trees in the coastal areas of the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu which is affecting the coconut crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to control the virus?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. As per latest reports received from Coconut Development Board,Coimbatore Commissioner of Agriculture, Tamil Nadu and Commissioner of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh no unidentified viral disease is reported in the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.